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1. EMBASSY DID NOT RAISE AVIATION SECURITY WITH GDR OFFICIALS.
 2. GDR DEPOSITED DOCUMENTS OF ACCESSION TO HAUGE CONVENTION IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 4, 1971 WITH A RESERVATION EXEMPTING THE GDR FROM ARTICLE 12, PARA 1. GDR ACCEDED TO MONTREAL CONVENTION IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 9, 1972.
 3. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT OUTSIDE EAST BERLIN APPEAR EFFECTIVE. ACCESS TO DEPARTURE LOUNGE IS THROUGH CAREFULLY CONTROLLED PASSPORT CONTROL GATES FOLLOWING WHICH OUTBOUND PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECTED TO SECURITY CHECK EMPLOYING WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR AND X-RAY EXAMINATION OF HAND LUGGAGE. ARRIVING PASSENGERS MOVE FROM AIRCRAFT TO A CLOSED ARRIVAL AREA FROM WHICH THEY THEN MOVE THROUGH PASSPORT CONTROL INTO A CONTROLLED-ACCESS CUSTOMS AREA. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS, WHOM THE GDR MAY PERMIT, (PARA 4 BELOW) WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCREENED PERSONS TO MINGLE WITH ARRIVING OR SCREENED DEPARTING PASSENGERS. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW
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BETWEEN-FLIGHT TRANSIT PASSENGERS ARE HANDLED, I.E.

WHETHER ARRIVING PASSENGERS ARE SCREENED BEFORE BEING
ALLOWED TO MINGLE WITH SCREENED DEPARTING PASSENGERS IN
THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE.

4. DIPLOMATS MAY ACCOMPANY OUTBOUND PASSENGERS INTO THE
DEPARTURE LOUNGE ON PRESENTATION OF A DIPLOMATIC IDENTITY
CARD. DIPLOMATS MAY MEET ARRIVING PASSENGERS INSIDE
CUSTOMS AREA, BUT ORDINARILY ONLY AFTER PASSENGERS HAVE
PASSED THROUGH INBOUND PASSPORT CONTROL. COOPER

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